

Mr. Kinney presented the petition of James H. Neely ; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Duggan, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills correctly enrolled, to wit :

An act for the benefit of W. W. Wooten, assignee of David Lloyd ;

An act to authorize David Hill to construct a bridge across Sabine River ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Edward B. Wood ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of George Hamilion, dec'd ;

An act for the relief of James M. Day ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Sally Owens, deceased ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Hayden Arnold, deceased ;

An act for the relief of Casimiro Garcia ;

An act for the relief of William Gibbs, deceased ;

An act for the relief of William M. Cristy ;

An act concerning estates of deceased soldiers ;

An act to amend an act to incorporate Austin College ;

An act to amend the estray law, approved February 8, 1850 ;

An act changing the name of the county seat of Bell county ;

An act to require the commissioners of the town of Paris, in Lamar county, to turn over to the county court of said county all monies, notes, deeds and other documents in their possession.

And that they have this day been deposited with the Governor for his signature.

A bill to render valid and effectual to legal claimants patents for land which have been issued or which may hereafter be issued in the names of deceased persons ; read and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 16, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Meusebach presented the petition of sundry citizens of Comal county, praying the passage of a law authorizing the le-

vying of a special tax for the purpose of building a jail, &c. ; referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bogart presented the petition of Simpson M. Pulliam : referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on State Affairs, to which was referred a bill for the relief of the persons taken prisoners by the Mexican Army at the Mission of Refugio, in 1841, and the petitions of Allensworth Adams and of James H. Neely, reported them back, and asked to be discharged from their further consideration, for the reason that they doubt the policy of re-opening the Auditorial Board.

Mr. Eddy, from the committee on Education, to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Comal county, reported a bill to incorporate the Comal Union School, which was read first time.

Mr. Sterne, chairman of the select committee, to which was referred the petition of Thos. J. Rusk, David Rusk and James H. Starr, reported a bill for their relief ; which was read first time.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to which was referred the petition of William A. Drodgy and Mary J. Nugent, reported the same back and recommended its rejection ; the testimony not being sufficient to entitle the parties to the land prayed for.

Mr. Reaves, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill confirming the action of the Auditor and Comptroller, under the provisions of an act of the Legislature to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, &c., correctly engrossed.

Mr. Hart, from the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred a bill for the relief of the settlers in the territory commonly known as Mercer's colony, reported the same back and recommended its passage.

Mr. Kinney introduced a bill to incorporate the Texas Western Railroad Company : read first time.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, a bill for the investigation of eleven league land claims in Robertson's and part of Burnett's colony, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill confirming the action of the Auditor and Comptroller, under the provisions of an act of the Legislature to provide for

ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, read third time.

Mr. Gray moved to amend the bill by adding to the end thereof, the following words: "and the settlement made by this bill shall be final": rejected by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Burks, Davis, Eddy, Gray, Hart, Meusebach, Reaves, Scott and Taylor—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Bogart, Doane, Duggan, Grimes, Hill, Kinney, Merriman, Parker, Sterne, Truit, Williams and Wilson—14.

The bill then passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Bogart, Burks, Davis, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Hill, Merriman, Meusebach, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Sterne, Taylor, Truit, Williams and Wilson—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Doane and Kinney—2.

A message was received from the House, transmitting the special message of the Governor with the report of the Attorney-General; and informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to enable the State of Texas to obtain the money advanced the United States Government for the subsistence and forage of two companies of rangers in the service of said United States, commanded by Captains Blackwell and Johnson; and a bill making an appropriation for the purchase of an iron safe and a set of books for the Treasurer's office.

A bill validating certain certificates therein mentioned; read third time.

On motion of Mr. Grimes, the caption was stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "A bill for the relief of Lee Morris, Seth Morris and Ambrose Douthitt," and bill passed.

A bill making an appropriation for the purchase of an iron safe and a set of books for the Treasurer's office; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Hart, the rule was suspended, bill read 2nd time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

A bill to enable the State of Texas to obtain the money advanced the United States Government, for the subsistence and forage of two companies of rangers in the service of said United States, commanded by Captains Blackwell and Johnson; read first time, and on motion of Mr. Hill, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Kinney, the bill was amended by inserting the letter "M" between "Charles" and "Blackwell."

On motion of Mr. Reaves, the rule was further suspended, bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Kinney presented the petition of Thomas S. Smith, Sarah Jane Morrison and Mary Ann Smith : referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Williams made the following report :

COMMITTEE-ROOM, Austin, December, 1851.

*To the Honorable JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate :*

The committee of the two Houses of the Legislature on Indian Affairs, acting in joint session, have considered the resolution of the Senate requiring the same to enquire into the expediency of appropriating and setting apart a tract of land for the temporary residence of some of the small tribes of Indians on our borders, and have instructed the undersigned to report, that in the opinion of said committee, the State could adopt no better or more humane plan to relieve our border citizens from the petty thefts and depredations committed by these Indians residing in our State in detached bands, and under the control of no direct agency, than by setting apart small tracts or parcels of land near the United States military posts selected on our frontier, to be occupied by these Indians, subject to the pleasure of the State. By adopting the plan proposed, they will at once settle down, cultivate the soil, turn their attention to stock-raising, etc., instead of depending on the chase, which, at best, affords an uncertain and scanty subsistence, and often drives them to acts of theft upon the stock of our citizens, to supply the deficiency required for the support of their old men and families. In addition, your committee have every reason to hope, and believe, that so soon as the policy contemplated by the resolution referred, shall be adopted by the State, that the United States Government will take charge of said Indians, extend to them that protection and encouragement which will ensure a successful peace to that portion of our frontier subject to the incursions of these Indians; an object much to be desired by every portion of our State, and at the same time result in no inconvenience to the wealth of the same.

The committee have therefore instructed us to report herewith, a bill to be entitled an act to set apart ten leagues of land for Indian purposes, and to recommend its passage.

WM. M. WILLIAMS,

One of the Committee of Senate.

ROBT. S. NEIGHBORS,

Chairman of Committee H. R.

A bill to set apart ten leagues of land for Indian purposes : read first time.

The following bills from the House were severally read a third time and passed.

A bill to authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent in the name of Wm. McMin Nuner, on certificate No. 508 ;

A bill concerning the qualification of officers ;

A bill to enable part owners of slaves, and other personal property, to obtain partition thereof ;

A bill to render valid and effectual to legal claimants, patents for land which have been issued, or which may hereafter be issued, in the names of deceased persons ; and

A bill to incorporate the town of Clarksville.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—quorum present—the journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Reaves, Mr. Burleson was excused from attendance, on account of sickness.

Mr. Sterne presented the petition of Roswell Gorman ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Duggan, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill to provide for the reception and deposit of a portion of the indemnity due the the State of Texas, for the sale of a portion of her north-western territory, under the provisions of an act of Congress approved September 9, 1850, correctly enrolled ; and that the same was deposited on yesterday with the Governor, for his approval.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had adopted a substitute for the Senate's bill concerning writs of certiorari from justices courts ; and that the House had passed a bill for the relief of Theresa Tyler, with an amendment.

Mr. Eddy made the following report :

The committee on Contingent Expenses have approved an account in favor of Samuel G. Haynie, for postage on newspapers and public documents, amounting to the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars forty-two cents ; and an account